

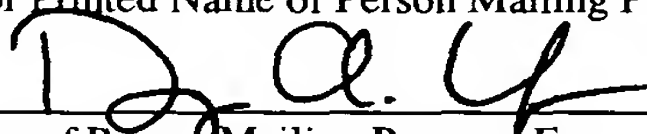
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified patent application  
submitted herewith, applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment.

Please amend the claim as follows: